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November 2, 2016

State of Oregon
Oregon Water Resources Department
725 Summer Street NE, Suite A
Salem, Oregon 97301-1266

Re: Farmland Reserve, Inc. Permanent Water Right Transfer for
Certificates: 76584, 76585, 76586, 83588, 83589, 83590, 83591, 83592, 89511

Mr. Starnes:

Please find enclosed a permanent transfer application for nine certificated water rights that are currently approved for use in two foot and eight foot strips to water trees. The purpose of this transfer is to change the place of use to move water out of strip irrigation and into pivot irrigation. The point of diversion and nature of use for irrigation will remain the same for each water right.

All required application documents and application fee are included in this packet with the exception of:

- 1) Affidavit of Consent from Landowner
 - The Oregon State Lands Eastern Region Manager is reviewing this transfer for the portions that affect State Lands. We will forward the signed Consent form as soon as we receive it.
- 2) Supplemental Form D – For water rights served by or issued in the name of a district.
 - The Columbia Improvement District is reviewing this transfer for the portions of water rights that fall within the district boundaries. We will forward the signed Supplemental Form D as soon as we receive it.
- 3) Evidence of Use Affidavit
 - This document is signed and will be forwarded as soon as the original document is returned.

An electronic copy of the application and associated maps are included with this package on the USB drive. If you have any questions regarding this application, please contact our authorized agent Jason Smesrud (CWRE) at 503-736-4372 or Bonnie Roos at 801-715-3883.

Best Regards,



Bonnie Roos
Natural Resource Analyst

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 (503) 986-0900

Application for Permanent Water Right Transfer

Part 1 of 5 – Minimum Requirements Checklist

This transfer application will be returned if Parts 1 through 5 and all required attachments are not completed and included.
 For questions, please call (503) 986-0900, and ask for Transfer Section.

Check all items included with this application. (N/A = Not Applicable)

- Part 1 – Completed Minimum Requirements Checklist.
- Part 2 – Completed Transfer Application Map Checklist.
- Part 3 – Application Fee, payable by check to the Oregon Water Resources Department, and completed Fee Worksheet, page 3. Try the new online fee calculator at: http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/misc/wrd_fee_calculator. If you have questions, call Customer Service at (503) 986-0801.
- Part 4 – Completed Applicant Information and Signature.
- Part 5 – Information about Water Rights to be Transferred: **How many water rights are to be transferred? 9 List them here: 76584, 76585, 76586, 83588, 83589, 83590, 83591, 83592, 89511**
 Please include a separate Part 5 for each water right. (See instructions on page 6)

Attachments:

- Completed Transfer Application Map.
- Completed Evidence of Use Affidavit and supporting documentation.
- N/A Affidavit(s) of Consent from Landowner(s) (if the applicant does not own the land the water right is on.)
- N/A Supplemental Form D – For water rights served by or issued in the name of an irrigation district. Complete when the transfer applicant is not the irrigation district.
- N/A Land Use Information Form with approval and signature (or signed land use form receipt stub). Not required if water is to be diverted, conveyed, and/or used only on federal lands or if **all** of the following apply: a) a change in place of use only, b) no structural changes, c) the use of water is for irrigation only, and d) the use is located within an irrigation district or an exclusive farm use zone.
- N/A Water Well Report/Well Log for changes in point(s) of appropriation (well(s)) or additional point(s) of appropriation.
- N/A Geologist Report for a change from a surface water point of diversion to a ground water point of appropriation (well), if the proposed well is more than 500' from the surface water source and more than 1000' upstream or downstream from the point of diversion. See OAR 690-380-2130 for requirements and applicability.

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WE ARE RETURNING YOUR APPLICATION FOR THE FOLLOWING REASON(S):

<input type="checkbox"/> Application fee not enclosed/insufficient	<input type="checkbox"/> Map not included or incomplete
<input type="checkbox"/> Land Use Form not enclosed or incomplete	<input type="checkbox"/> Part _____ is incomplete
<input type="checkbox"/> Additional signature(s) required	

Other/Explanation _____

Staff: _____ 503-986-0_____ Date: ____/____/____

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Part 2 of 5 – Transfer Application Map Checklist

Your transfer application will be returned if any of the map requirements listed below are not met.

Please be sure that the transfer application map you submit includes all the required items and matches the existing water right map. Check all boxes that apply.

- N/A Certified Water Right Examiner (CWRE) Stamp and Original Signature. For a list of CWREs, see http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/wr/cwre_license_view/. CWRE stamp and signature are not required for substitutions.
- N/A If **more than three** water rights are involved, separate maps are needed for each water right.
- Permanent quality printed with dark ink on good quality paper.
- The size of the map can be 8½ x 11 inches, 8½ x 14 inches, 11 x 17 inches, or up to 30 x 30 inches. For 30 x 30 inch maps, one extra copy is required.
- A north arrow, a legend, and scale.
- The scale of the map must be: 1 inch = 400 feet, 1 inch = 1,320 feet, the scale of the Final Proof/Claim of Beneficial Use Map (the map used when the permit was certificated), the scale of the county assessor map if the scale is not smaller than 1 inch = 1,320 feet, or a scale that has been pre-approved by the Department.
- Township, Range, Section, ¼ ¼, DLC, Government Lot, and other recognized public land survey lines.
- Tax lot boundaries (property lines) are required. Tax lot numbers are recommended.
- Major physical features including rivers and creeks showing direction of flow, lakes and reservoirs, roads, and railroads.
- Major water delivery system features from the point(s) of diversion/appropriation such as main pipelines, canals, and ditches.
- Existing place of use that includes separate hachuring for each water right, priority date, and use including number of acres in each quarter-quarter section, government lot, or in each quarter-quarter section as projected within government lots, donation land claims, or other recognized public land survey subdivisions. If less than the entirety of the water right is being changed, a separate hachuring is needed for lands left unchanged.
- N/A Proposed place of use that includes separate hachuring for each water right, priority date, and use including number of acres in each quarter-quarter section, government lot, or in each quarter-quarter section as projected within government lots, donation land claims, or other recognized public land survey subdivisions.
- Existing point(s) of diversion or well(s) with distance and bearing or coordinates from a recognized survey corner. This information can be found in your water right certificate or permit.
- N/A If you are proposing a change in point(s) of diversion or well(s), show the proposed location and label it clearly with distance and bearing or coordinates. If GPS coordinates are used, latitude-longitude coordinates may be expressed as either degrees-minutes-seconds with at least one digit after the decimal (example – 42°32'15.5") or degrees-decimal with five or more digits after the decimal (example – 42.53764°).

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Part 4 of 5 – Applicant Information and Signature

Applicant Information

APPLICANT/BUSINESS NAME Farmland Reserve, Inc.		PHONE NO. (801)715-9100	ADDITIONAL CONTACT NO.
ADDRESS 79 S. Main Street, Suite 1000, Attn: Natural Resource Group			FAX NO.
CITY Salt Lake City	STATE UT	ZIP 84111	E-MAIL
BY PROVIDING AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, CONSENT IS GIVEN TO RECEIVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY. COPIES OF THE FINAL ORDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE MAILED.			

Agent Information – The agent is authorized to represent the applicant in all matters relating to this application.

AGENT/BUSINESS NAME Jason Smesrud / CH2M		PHONE NO. (503)736-4372	ADDITIONAL CONTACT NO. (503)329-3973
ADDRESS 2020 SW 4th Ave, Suite 300			FAX NO.
CITY Portland	STATE OR	ZIP 97201	E-MAIL jason.smesrud@ch2m.com
BY PROVIDING AN E-MAIL ADDRESS, CONSENT IS GIVEN TO RECEIVE ALL CORRESPONDENCE FROM THE DEPARTMENT ELECTRONICALLY. COPIES OF THE FINAL ORDER DOCUMENTS WILL ALSO BE MAILED.			

Explain in your own words what you propose to accomplish with this transfer application, and why:

See Attachment 1 for a complete description of the requested permanent transfer.

If you need additional space, continue on a separate piece of paper and attach to the application as "Attachment 1".

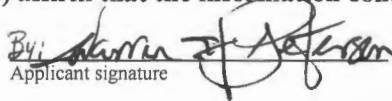
Check this box if this project is fully or partially funded by the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. (Federal stimulus dollars)

Check One Box

- By signing this application, I understand that, upon receipt of the draft preliminary determination and prior to Department approval of the transfer, I will be required to provide landownership information and evidence that I am authorized to pursue the transfer as identified in OAR 690-380-4010(5); **OR**
- I affirm the applicant is a municipality as defined in ORS 540.510(3)(b) and that the right is in the name of the municipality or a predecessor; **OR**
- I affirm the applicant is an entity with the authority to condemn property and is acquiring by condemnation the property to which the water right proposed for transfer is appurtenant and have supporting documentation.

I understand that prior to Department approval of the transfer application, I may be required to submit payment to the Department for publication of a notice in a newspaper with general circulation in the area where the water right is located, once per week for two consecutive weeks. If more than one qualifying newspaper is available, I suggest publishing the notice in the following newspaper: _____.

I (we) affirm that the information contained in this application is true and accurate.

By:  Applicant signature	Warren H. Peterson Print Name (and Title if applicable) VICE PRESIDENT	31 Oct 2016 Date
Applicant signature	Print Name (and Title if applicable)	Date

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Is the applicant the sole owner of the land on which the water right, or portion thereof, proposed for transfer is located? Yes No *If NO, include signatures of all deeded landowners (and mailing and/or e-mail addresses if different than the applicant's) or attach affidavits of consent (and mailing and/or e-mail addresses) from all landowners or individuals/entities to which the water right(s) were conveyed.*

Check the following boxes that apply:

- The applicant is responsible for completion of change(s). Notices and correspondence should continue to be sent to the applicant.
- The receiving landowner will be responsible for completing the proposed change(s) after the final order is issued. Copies of notices and correspondence should be sent to this landowner.
- Both the receiving landowner and applicant will be responsible for completion of change(s). Copies of notices and correspondence should be sent to this landowner and the applicant.

At this time, are the lands in this transfer application in the process of being sold? Yes No

If YES, and you know who the new landowner will be, please complete the receiving landowner information table below. If you do not know who the new landowner will be, then a request for assignment will have to be filed for at a later date.

If a property sells, the certificated water right(s) located on the land belong to the new owner, unless a sale agreement or other document states otherwise. For more information see: <http://www.oregon.gov/owrd/docs/transfer-propertytransactions.pdf>

RECEIVING LANDOWNER NAME			PHONE NO.	ADDITIONAL CONTACT NO.
ADDRESS				FAX NO.
CITY	STATE	ZIP	E-MAIL	

Describe any special ownership circumstances here: _____

- Check here if any of the water rights proposed for transfer are or will be located within or served by an irrigation or other water district. (**Tip:** Complete and attach Supplemental Form D.)

IRRIGATION DISTRICT NAME Columbia Improvement District	ADDRESS P.O. Box 47	
CITY Boardman	STATE OR	ZIP 97818

- Check here if water for any of the rights supplied under a water service agreement or other contract for stored water with a federal agency or other entity.

ENTITY NAME	ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE	ZIP



To meet State Land Use Consistency Requirements, you must list all county, city, municipal corporation, or tribal governments within whose jurisdiction water will be diverted, conveyed or used.

ENTITY NAME Morrow County	ADDRESS 100 S. Court Street	
CITY Heppner	STATE OR	ZIP 97836

ENTITY NAME	ADDRESS	
CITY	STATE	ZIP

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Part 5 of 5 – Water Right Information

Please use a separate Part 5 for each water right being changed. See instructions on page 6, to copy and paste additional Part 5s, or to add additional rows to tables within the form.

CERTIFICATE # 76584, 76585, 76586, 83588, 83589, 83590, 83591, 83592, 89511

Description of Water Delivery System

System capacity: _____ cubic feet per second (cfs) OR

North System - 121,000; South (CID) System - 142,000 gallons per minute (gpm)

Describe the current water delivery system or the system that was in place at some time within the last five years. Include information on the pumps, canals, pipelines and sprinklers used to divert, convey and apply the water at the authorized place of use. _____

North System - pump station on the Columbia River pumps water through pipelines and a series of booster pumps which deliver the water to pivots and other sprinkler systems on the north part of the farm.

South (CID) System - separate pump station at the same location on the Columbia River pumps water through pipelines and a series of booster pumps and then into a canal from which water is pumped into sprinkler systems on the south part of the farm.

Table 1. Location of Authorized and Proposed Point(s) of Diversion (POD) or Appropriation (POA)
(Note: If the POD/POA name is not specified on the certificate, assign it a name or number here.)

POD/POA Name or Number	Is this POD/POA Authorized on the Certificate or is it Proposed?	If POA, OWRD Well Log ID# (or Well ID Tag # L-____)	Twp		Rng		Sec	¼ ¼		Tax Lot, DLC or Gov't Lot	Measured Distances (from a recognized survey corner)
Columbia River Pump Station (CRPS)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Authorized <input type="checkbox"/> Proposed		4	N	25	E	2	NE	NW	7	South 86 Degrees 22 Minutes 46 Seconds West, 2829 feet from the NE Corner of Section 2.
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Check all type(s) of change(s) proposed below (change "CODES" are provided in parentheses):

- | | |
|--|---|
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Place of Use (POU) | <input type="checkbox"/> Supplemental Use to Primary Use (S to P) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Character of Use (USE) | <input type="checkbox"/> Point of Appropriation/Well (POA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Point of Diversion (POD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Point of Appropriation (APOA) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Additional Point of Diversion (APOD) | <input type="checkbox"/> Substitution (SUB) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Surface Water POD to Ground Water POA (SW/GW) | <input type="checkbox"/> Government Action POD (GOV) |

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Will all of the proposed changes affect the entire water right?


- Yes Complete only the Proposed ("to" or "on" lands) section of Table 2 on the next page. Use the "CODES" listed above to describe the proposed changes.
- No Complete all of Table 2 to describe the portion of the water right to be changed.

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For Place of Use or Character of Use Changes

Are there other water right certificates, water use permits or ground water registrations associated with the "from" or the "to" lands? Yes No

If YES, list the certificate, water use permit, or ground water registration numbers: _____.

 Pursuant to ORS 540.510, any "layered" water use such as an irrigation right that is supplemental to a primary right proposed for transfer must be included in the transfer or be cancelled. Any change to a ground water registration must be filed separately in a ground water registration modification application.

For Substitution (ground water supplemental irrigation will be substituted for surface water primary irrigation)

Ground water supplemental Permit or Certificate # _____;
Surface water primary Certificate # _____.

For a change from Supplemental Irrigation Use to Primary Irrigation Use

Identify the primary certificate to be cancelled. Certificate # _____

For a change in point(s) of appropriation (well(s)) or additional point(s) of appropriation:

Well log(s) are attached for each authorized and proposed well(s) that are clearly labeled and associated with the corresponding well(s) in Table 1 above and on the accompanying application map.

Tip: You may search for well logs on the Department's web page at:
http://apps.wrd.state.or.us/apps/gw/well_log/Default.aspx

AND/OR

Describe the construction of the authorized and proposed well(s) in Table 3 for any wells that do not have a well log. For *proposed wells not yet constructed or built*, provide "a best estimate" for each requested information element in the table. The Department recommends you consult a licensed well driller, geologist, or certified water right examiner to assist with assembling the information necessary to complete Table 3.

Table 3. Construction of Point(s) of Appropriation

Any well(s) in this listing must be clearly tied to corresponding well(s) described in Table 1 and shown on the accompanying application map. Failure to provide the information will delay the processing of your transfer application until it is received. The information is necessary for the department to assess whether the proposed well(s) will access the same source aquifer as the authorized point(s) of appropriation (POA). The Department is prohibited by law from approving POA changes that do not access the same source aquifer.

Proposed or Authorized POA Name or Number	Is well already built? (Yes or No)	If an existing well: OWRD Well ID Tag No. L-	Total well depth	Casing Diameter	Casing Intervals (feet)	Seal depth(s) (intervals)	Perforated or screened intervals (in feet)	Static water level of completed well (in feet)	Source aquifer (sand, gravel, basalt, etc.)	Well-specific rate (cfs or gpm). If less than full rate of water right

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Attachment 1 – Description of Requested Permanent Transfer

(from Part 4 of 5 – Applicant Information and Signature)

Explain in your own words what you propose to accomplish with this transfer application, and why:

Farmland Reserve, Inc. (FRI), recently purchased lands near Boardman, OR that have been used to grow trees. The authorized places of use for the water rights are currently configured in 8-foot rows or "strips" where the trees are grown using drip irrigation and in some cases, 2-foot strips in between the tree rows. As trees are removed, we need to convert the irrigation pattern from drip irrigated strips to center pivot irrigated solid circles to accommodate the new row crop irrigation. The purpose of this permanent transfer is to enable us to complete the irrigation and cropping conversion process.

The previous landowner has a lease agreement with FRI allowing them to continue growing and irrigating trees until harvest and with all harvest being accomplished within the next seven year period. FRI is actively converting lands previously used to grow trees to center pivot irrigation as the trees are removed. FRI requests that the permanent transfer permit be issued for a 10 year term to allow FRI enough time to fully implement the transfer following removal of all trees.

Based on discussions with OWRD in Pendleton on September 28, 2016, FRI would like to have final certificates from this transfer issued separately for lands owned by FRI and lands owned by the State. Because of the different priority dates, we envision two final certificates (one for each priority date) and one remaining right certificate issued in the name of FRI and two final certificates (one for each priority date) and one remaining right certificate issued in the name of the State of Oregon. The transfers associated with Certificates 76585 and 83589 have all To Lands located on State owned property and should be issued in the name of the State of Oregon. The transfers associated with Certificates 76584, 76586, 83588, 83590, 83591, 83592, and 89511 have all To Lands located on FRI owned property and should be issued in the name of FRI.

This permanent transfer will supersede the existing temporary transfer permits T-12271 and T-12441 (still in process).

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